

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on March 5, 2008, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my votes for Rollcall No. 91–102.

Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 91—"Yes"—To redesignate Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Park in the State of Ohio as "Wright Brothers-Dunbar National Historical Park", and for other purposes.

Rollcall No. 92—"Yes"—Supporting Taiwan's fourth direct and democratic presidential elections in March 2008.

Rollcall No. 93—"Yes"—Condemning the ongoing Palestinian rocket attacks on Israeli civilians, and for other purposes.

Rollcall No. 94—"Yes"—Providing for the consideration of H.R. 1014, Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act.

Rollcall No. 95—"Yes"—Providing for the consideration of H.R. 1014, Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act.

Rollcall No. 96—"Yes"—Providing for the consideration of H.R. 1014, Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act.

Rollcall No. 97—"Yes"—Cyndi Taylor Krier Post Office Building.

Rollcall No. 98—"Yes"—Expressing the sense of Congress that Earl Lloyd should be recognized and honored for breaking the color barrier and becoming the first African-American to play in the National Basketball Association League 58 years ago.

Rollcall No. 99—"Yes"—Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act.

Rollcall No. 100—"No"—Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act.

Rollcall No. 101—"Yes"—Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act.

Rollcall No. 102—"Yes"—Sgt. Michael M. Kashkoush Post Office Building.

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HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, on March 5, I was delayed in making my way to the floor of the House for rollcall 99. I missed the vote, but had I been present I would have voted nay.

A BILL TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AGE TO QUALIFY FOR COVERAGE AS A CHILD UNDER THE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, young adults are the fastest-growing age

group among the uninsured. Almost 400,000 young adults (younger than 24) who graduate from college will be cut off from health insurance under their parents' plan or from their universities. A report by the Commonwealth Fund, a private foundation that aims to promote a high performing health care system in the United States, showed that 2 out of 5 college graduates are uninsured after they leave school.

Nationwide, 30.6 percent of 18- to 24-year olds are uninsured, making them the largest population without coverage in 2005. The numbers reflect an increase from 2004, when an estimated 13.7 million people age 19 to 29 had no coverage. As recently as 2000, just 2.5 million were without health insurance, according to a 2005 survey by the Commonwealth Fund.

Young adults enrolled as dependents in Federal Employee Health Benefits Plan (FEHBP) and their parents, will not have to worry about being uninsured if this legislation is enacted. This bill would raise the age young adults would qualify for health insurance under FEHBP from 22 to 25 years of age.

The federal government should not be contributing to the number of Americans that are uninsured. This bill would ensure that at least the dependents of federal employees between the age of 22 and 25 get the health care and coverage they need.

HONORING DR. GARLAND FORBES

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 6, 2008

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Garland Forbes. A graduate of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, with an Endodontic Certificate from the Graduate Dental School of Ohio State University, Dr. Forbes has been providing quality care and comfort to patients in Pasco, Pinellas, and Hernando Counties with exemplary endodontic services.

However, his devotion to his community does not rest solely within his trained profession. He also organizes and executes his annual Plant 1,000 Trees Before You Die observance. In December of 2005, Dr. Forbes, with the help of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America, distributed 1,000 trees to area dental office personnel and their staff.

In 2006, the event doubled with the distribution of 2,000 as Dr. Forbes partnered with the United Way and a local bank. The event reached further into the community as the public was invited to pick up trees to plant.

In 2007, Dr. Forbes again decided to increase the number of trees by one hundred percent, distributing 4,000 trees. Because of Dr. Forbes's efforts, more than 7,000 trees have now been planted in the Florida counties of Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Hernando, and Polk.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Forbes is a terrific example of how just one person can make a difference both locally and environmentally. His service to the community, through his endodontic services as well as his Plant 1,000 Trees Before You Die initiative truly serve as an inspiration to others. I am delighted today to acknowledge such an influential member of

my community, and I hope that the example by which Dr. Forbes leads will serve as an incentive for others to contemplate how they too can serve their communities.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF INDIAN ROCKS HONORS ITS PASTOR CHARLIE MARTIN

HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise in celebration of one of the most dynamic and inspirational pastors my community in Pinellas County has known. Reverend Charles William Martin retires Sunday after 37 years as Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks in Largo, Florida.

This is my hometown church and Charlie has been my pastor, but more importantly he has been my friend. Charlie was born and raised in Arkansas and first felt the call to preach as a young man in 1960. He pursued this calling by completing work on his Bachelors of Arts in Religious Education at Trinity College in 1967 and his Doctor of Divinity at Trinity in 1986.

He found his true calling in 1971 when he accepted the charge to serve as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks, where he and his wife Stephanie have invested their heart and soul ever since. This is an amazing church of 5,300 members and a full-time staff of 18 pastors and associate staff. Under Charlie's leadership, First Baptist spreads the word of God in all forms, from its stirring music, emphasis on the scriptures, and his from the heart sermons. They have a wide variety of ministries, in all parts of our State, our Nation, and the world.

One of those ministries was the establishment of the Indian Rocks Christian School in 1984 with an enrollment of 42 students. Today more than 1,000 students attend the school which has earned a reputation of one of our county's best.

Perhaps the greatest testimony to Charlie's service to his congregation is the pride his church members have in being a part of his church community. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't see someone back home, here in our Nation's Capital, or even around the world that comes up to me and says, "I'm a member of Charlie's church."

First Baptist will hold an honor and praise weekend this Friday through Sunday to celebrate the service of Pastor Martin and Stephanie. All of us who know Charlie are confident that this will not be the beginning of his retirement as he will always remain active in the church and his ministries. In fact, he and Stephanie are moving up to North Carolina where they are starting a church there.

Madam Speaker, Pastor Charlie Martin is a friend to many and has shared God's word and God's grace with countless thousands of people throughout his life. He is a friend of Members of this House as he was our guest chaplain in April 1999. And he is a special friend of this Congressman and of my wife Beverly and our family. He has been there for us many, many times—in times of celebration and in times of grief. Please join me in saying thank you to Charlie and Stephanie and in offering our best wishes as they open a new